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OMAHA, Neb. — Bellevue, Neb., resident Mark Kula was named the new chief of police for the Veterans Affairs Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System May 23.

Kula supervises a police force that provides protection for Veterans, staff and visitors at VA health care facilities in eight communities across the Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System service area.

Kula has been with the VA NWIHCS Police Service for the past four years, serving most recently as assistant chief.

He came to VA with more than 30 years of local and federal law enforcement experience that includes serving as a special agent with the Department of the Treasury, a federal air marshal, and on protection details for the president of the United States.

He was recently named the VA Police Supervisor of the Year.

Kula is a former Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center instructor and Fremont, Neb., police officer.

Kula also works part time as a Bennington, Neb., police officer.

The VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System proudly serves more than 167,660 veterans in Nebraska, western Iowa and portions of Kansas and Missouri. Omaha's medical center is an inpatient facility and also a large outpatient clinic for primary and specialty care. The Community Living Center is in Grand Island. There are community-based outpatient clinics in Lincoln, Grand Island, North Platte, Holdrege, Norfolk, Bellevue and Shenandoah, Iowa. For more information, visit http://www.nebraska.va.gov.

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